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FOR CNO FROM AMBASSADOR BREWSTER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ECUADOREAN NAVAL COMMISSION

CNO PLEASE PASS TO OP-61, OP-63, OP-634

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1. IN MEETING WITH ECUADOREAN CNO, ADMIRAL POVEDA, ON AUGUST 21, HE TOLD ME HE WOULD SEND A NAVAL COMMISSION TO WASHINGTON FOR PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS WITH USN/USMC OFFICIALS (REF A). SUBJECTS TO BE DISCUSSED WERE OUTLINED IN REF C: A) CONSTRUCTION OF DEEP-WATER NAVAL BASE; B) EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING OF A 1000-1500 MAN MARINE INFANTRY GROUP; C) DEVELOPMENT OF EN AIR CAPABILITIES: AND D) ESTABLISHMENT OF EN MISSION IN US.

2. USMLO QUITO, ECUADOR HAS REPORTED INFORMATION REGARDING COMPOSITION AND ITINERARY, OF THE COMMISSION. (REF D)

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I AM SENDING CDR JAMES R. STEVENS, USN REP TO USMLO,

QUITO TO ACCOMPANY THE COMMISSION FOR AT LEAST THE BEGINNING OF THEIR VISIT.

3. I KNOW YOU AND THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE ACCESS TO APPROPRIATE OFFICES FOR THE ECUADOREAN NAVAL COMMISSION. THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN LIGHT OF THE RECENT UNFORTUNATE EXPERIENCES OF AN ECUADOREAN ARMY ARTILLERY/ANTI-AIRCRAFT COMMISSION VISIT IN FEBRUARY OF THIS YEAR, IN WHICH APPROPRIATE US MILITARY OFFICIALS WERE IN SOME CASES ABSENT OR UNPREPARED TO DISCUSS TOPICS PREVIOUSLY OUTLINED BY THE MISSION. PROBLEMS OF DISCLOSURE TO THE NAVAL COMMISSION SHOULD BE MINIMUM IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE EQUIPMENT DESIRED BY THE ECUADOREAN MARINES AND NAVAL AIR GROUP.

4. SHOULD YOU AND/OR THE COMMANDANT BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THE ECUADOREAN NAVAL COMMISSION FOR A BRIEF COURTESY CALL, I WOULD BE PERSONALLY MOST GRATEFUL.

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